

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
330 N. Main St., Suite 200
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Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, August 19, 2020
The Utility Board met at the Water Plant Pole Barn

Phil Starkey called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Brian Bess
Dale Gardner
Phillip King
Phillip Starkey
Butch Singleton

Others present:

Michael Pavey	Mayor
Les Day	Superintendent
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	City Attorney
Eric Schlechtweg	Utilities Foreman
Nathan Gosnell	Utilities Employee

Dale Gardner motioned to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2020 meeting. Phil King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Superintendent's report, Les Day told everyone that the North Tower was cleaned and the employees have been painting at the Water plant. Les went over all the reports from both plants for the month of July.

Gina Jenkins told the Board members and Mayor Pavey that her and the office staff would like to offer the customers that are behind on their bills a six-month payment plan to get caught up. There is a form that is already being used and the customer will be required to sign it to qualify for the extension. Also, City Utilities will not be doing shut-offs in August but will be doing a Call-Em-all to all the customers to let them know that if they are behind on their bill, they need to come in and sign the Payment Agreement. The Board members agreed.

There was a Customer Concern for Paul Barada. Mr. Barada had a toilet leak and his bill was over \$500.00. Board member, Butch Singleton explained to Mr. Barada the Utilities' policy that the bill could not be adjusted because the water went through the Wastewater plant.

Under new business, Les Day had discussed the 2021 Water and Wastewater budgets that he had prepared. After a discussion on pay raises, Les would like to have a special meeting on Wednesday, August 26th at 5 p.m. The Board members agreed.

Gina told everyone that herself and Chuck Jenkins, Code Enforcement Officer, were asked to gather information for a GPS system for the Utilities' vehicles. They had a zoom meeting with representatives from WTH Technology. Gina presented all the information to the board members. Mayor Pavey told the board that they did not need to have a decision during the night's meeting. This was tabled for a future meeting.

Next, Gina told everyone that during the rusty water complaints, Chuck Jenkins tracked them through the Comcate software system. She had given everyone a copy of the map that was dated from April 1st through July 31st. She also told everyone that since Water Solutions came in and added the chemicals to the water system and the servicemen flushed hydrants, there have been no water complaints.

Les then told everyone that the servicemen completed the hydrant flushing on Friday, August 14th.

He also said that he began investigating solutions for the rusty in May and had spoken to Joel from Hawkins, the company that supplies the chemicals for City Utilities. Joel told Les that he could use phosphate to coat the pipes. Les then contacted Water Solutions. Les decided to go with Water Solutions. He said that the cost of the chemicals used is \$22.00 per day.

Phil Starkey checked claims for the month. Phil King motioned to approve the claims. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Mayor's report, Mayor Pavey said that HWC's tentative date to come in with the results of the audit would be August 31st. The mayor also stated that the number of complaints that he was previously receiving has went down tremendously.

Les and Eric Schlechtweg had met with the property manager for Rushview Mobile Home Park to discuss putting individual meters on each lot. They are asking for City Utilities to place the order for them and then set up a payment plan for the park owner to reimburse City Utilities. Geoff Wesling told everyone that if they decide to do this, they will need a purchase agreement with the property owner. After a discussion, the matter was tabled.

Les also met with the owners of Turners' Mobile Home Park. The owners stated that they are paying too much each month. The board members told Les to have the servicemen pull and test a few meters at the park to make sure they are working correctly.

Phil King motioned to adjourn. Butch Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the City Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.